

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF SOUTH CAROLINA

DOCKETING DEPARTMENT

NOTICE OF FILING AND HEARING

DOCKET NO. 2005-13-WS

WYBOO PLANTATION UTILITIES, INC. – APPLICATION FOR ADJUSTMENT OF RATES AND CHARGES FOR THE PROVISION OF WATER AND SEWER SERVICES.

Wyboo Plantation Utilities, Inc. (“Wyboo” or the “Company”) has filed an Application with the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (the “Commission”) for an adjustment of the Company’s rates and charges, modifications of certain terms and conditions for the provision of water and sewer service, and request for Interim Order related to collection of a water service connection fee. Wyboo is a public utility, as defined by S.C. Code Ann. § 58-5-10(3) (Supp. 2005), providing water and sewer service to the public for compensation in certain areas of South Carolina pursuant to rates approved by the Commission in Docket Nos. 96-227-W and 97-391-S.

Pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. § 58-5-240 (Supp. 2005) and 26 S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 103-712.4A and 103-512.4A (Supp. 2005), the Company requests that the Commission approve an increase in its monthly water and sewer service, its sewer connection fee, and the establishment of a sewer Plant Impact Fee, and water Connection Fee and Plant Impact Fee. Also, pursuant to 26 S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 103-503 and 103-703, Wyboo proposes a modification to the terms and conditions of service set forth in its Schedule of Rates and Charges. Wyboo’s requested revisions include the addition of Notification and Account Set-up Charges, provisions regarding the billing of tenants for water and sewer services to comport with current S.C. Code Ann. § 27-33-50 (Supp. 2005), provisions related to the extension of Utility Services Lines and Mains, Toxic and Pretreatment Effluent Guidelines, and provisions clarifying the ownership, operation and maintenance of grinder pumps, step systems and solids interceptor tanks. Additionally, the Company proposes to add language requiring its customers to conduct cross connection testing and to add a charge for same if such inspections are undertaken by the Company to meet the requirements of 24A S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 61-58.7.F.8 (Supp. 2005). The Company also proposes to include a definition of single family equivalent by reference to applicable regulation.

In support of its request for an adjustment in the Company’s water and sewer rates, terms, and conditions, Wyboo asserts, among other things, that the proposed water and sewer rate increases are necessary in order that it may provide reasonable and adequate service to its customers, comply with standards and regulations set by the Department of Health and Environmental Control, and other governmental agencies which regulate the environmental aspect of the Company’s business, and earn a reasonable operating margin in order to borrow money and attract capital for future improvements. The Company also asserts that the proposed water and sewer rate increases are necessary to preserve its financial integrity and to permit continued investment in and maintenance of its facilities so as to provide reliable and high quality services.

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THE PROPOSED CHANGES IN THE RATES AND CHARGES ARE SET FORTH BELOW
(The complete rate schedule is available from the Company at the address below and on the
Commission's website at www.psc.sc.gov)

WATER SERVICE RATES AND CHARGES

MONTHLY CHARGES:

	<u>Current</u>	<u>Proposed</u>
Residential:	\$18.00	\$67.00
Residential Swimming Pool:		
Seasonal Filling Charge (April):		\$39.27
Monthly rate (April – September)		\$25.00
Irrigation:	\$10.00	\$25.00
Commercial:	\$18.00	\$80.00 per SFE*
Commercial/Mobile Home:	\$18.00	\$60.00 per connected unit
Commercial/Mobile Home Irrigation:	\$10.00	\$15.00 per connected unit

NONRECURRING CHARGES:

Connection Fee	¾" Meter (New Customer)	\$1,425.00 per SFE*
	1" Meter (New Customer)	\$1,622.34 per SFE*
	2" Meter (New Customer)	\$2,604.82 per SFE*

Connection fees for meters larger than 2" are pursuant to contractual agreement between the prospective customer and the Utility.

Plant Impact Fee	\$1,600 per SFE*
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Disconnection/Re-Connection Fee	\$50.00 per SFE*
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SEWER SERVICE RATES AND CHARGES

MONTHLY CHARGES:

	<u>Current</u>	<u>Proposed</u>
Residential:	\$20.00	\$75.00
Commercial:	\$20.00	\$88.80 per SFE*
Commercial/Mobile Home:	\$20.00	\$67.00 per Connected Unit

NONRECURRING CHARGES:

Sewer Service Connection (New Customer) \$1,425 per SFE*
(Current sewer connection fee for new sewer customers is \$500.00)

This charge is to reimburse the Company for all costs, including labor and materials associated with establishing the initial service connection.

Plant Impact Fee (new customer)	\$1,600 per SFE*
Disconnection/Re-Connection Fee	\$250.00 per SFE*

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A copy of the Company's Application can be obtained from the Commission at the following address: Public Service Commission of South Carolina, Docketing Department, P. O. Drawer 11649, Columbia, South Carolina 29211. Additionally, Wyboo's Application is available on the Commission's website at www.psc.sc.gov.

In order for testimony and evidence to be received from all interested parties, a public hearing will be held in the Commission's Hearing Room, Synergy Business Park, 101 Executive Center Dr., Columbia, S.C. on **Wednesday, December 13, 2006 and Thursday, December 14, 2006 at 10:30 a.m.**

Any person who wishes to participate in this matter, as a party of record with the right of cross-examination should file a Petition to Intervene in accordance with the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, on or before **September 29, 2006**, and indicate the amount of time required for his presentation. Please include an email address for receipt of future Commission correspondence in the Petition to Intervene. ***Please refer to Docket No. 2005-13-WS.***

Any person who wishes to testify and present evidence at the hearing should notify the Docketing Department in writing at the address below, the Office of Regulatory Staff, Post Office Box 11263, Columbia, South Carolina 29211 and John F. Beach, Esquire, Ellis, Lawhorne & Sims, P.A., Post Office Box 2285, Columbia, South Carolina 29202 on or before **September 29, 2006**, and indicate the amount of time required for the presentation. ***Please refer to Docket No. 2005-13-WS.***

Any person who wishes to request a hearing in his or her county of residence should notify on or before October 27, 2006, in writing, the Docketing Department at the address below, the Office of Regulatory Staff, Post Office Box 11263, Columbia, South Carolina 29211 and John F. Beach, Esquire, Ellis, Lawhorne & Sims, P.A., Post Office Box 2285, Columbia, South Carolina 29202. ***Please refer to Docket No. 2005-13-WS.***

Any person, who wishes to be notified of any change in the hearing date, but does not wish to present testimony or be a party of record, may do so by notifying the Docketing Department in writing at the address below on or before **September 29, 2006**. ***Please refer to Docket No. 2005-13-WS.***

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE: Any person who wishes to have his or her comments considered as part of the official record of this proceeding **MUST** present such comments, in person, to the Commission during the hearing.

Persons seeking information about the Commission's Procedures should contact the Commission in Columbia at 803-896-5100.

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